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### UM HOSTS PANEL DISCUSSION ON WILDERNESS LEGISLATION

#### MISSOULA --

Political candidates and other individuals representing varied sides of the wilderness debate will share their views and answer questions Thursday evening, April 14, at The University of Montana in a free public forum on wilderness legislation.

The panel discussion, at 7 p.m. in Urey Lecture Hall, will feature Democratic U.S. Senate candidates John Melcher and Jack Mudd; independent U.S. House candidate Steve Kelly; Jerry Bush, president of the Lumber, Production and Industrial Workers Local 3038; environmental activist Bryony Schwan of the Craighead Wildlife-Wildlands Institute; and Ron Therriault, director of Native American Studies at Salish-Kootenai College. Missoula Mayor Dan Kemmis will moderate the forum.

The event was organized by the Northern Ecosystem Wilderness Team as a means of encouraging community participation in the wilderness debate, said UM student Radley Watkins, co-organizer of the forum. Other forum sponsors are the UM President's Office and the student chapter of the International Wildlife Film Festival.

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